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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment and remarks file don 3/29/07. Claims 5-16 has been added as per applicant's amendment dated 3/29/07. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application and the status of the application is as follows:

The following new ground of rejection is necessitated by the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-6, 8-11, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patents 6,685,953 ('953) and 6,368, 582 ('582).

The instant application is claiming hair cosmetic composition comprising:

1. Diamide
2. higher fatty alcohol or fatty acid
3. Surfactant (species is quaternium salt)
4. Silicone derivative

Patent '953 teaches external preparations using the same claimed diamide. See the abstract, see col.s 2-6 for the diamide, see col.7, lines 41-56 and see col.8, lines 8-30, where the patent teaches using diamide in hair care art. Patent at col.7, line 23 teaches fatty acids and at line 61 teaches cationic surfactant can be added to diamide. Patent '953 does not teach higher amount of fatty alcohol or silicone derivative or specific cationic surfactant. However patent '582 teaches hair conditioning composition using cationic surfactant. Patent teaches these cationic surfactants as conditioning agents. See the abstract, see col.6, ll 51-68, col.7, ll 139, and see col.9, ll 18-52. The patent teaches the salts of the amines and these are claimed in claim 6. Patent '582 teaches fatty acids and higher fatty alcohols. See col.6, ll 7-50 for fatty alcohols and

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fatty acids. See col.12, ll 16 through col.s 13-15 for various silicone derivatives. Patent at col.20, lines 14-16 suggest that protein, collagen, or keratin can be added to the composition. See the same column, ll 39-42 for the ranges.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the hair composition of '953 and add fatty alcohol or fatty acids, cationic surfactant, silicones, protein taught by patent '582 in analogous hair compositions. One of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to add the ingredients taught by '582 and prepare another analogous composition with the reasonable expectation of success that new hair compositions also exhibit improved touch feel and preventing chapping of the scalp and addition of cationic surfactant has the advantage of providing conditioning effect and silicones are known conditioning agents and the compositions also has enhanced conditioning property using all the compounds that are conditioning agents. This is a prima facie case of obviousness.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patents 6,685,953 ('953) and 6,368, 582 ('582) as applied to claims 1-6, 8-10, and 14-16 above, and further in view of U. S. Patent 5,945,093 ('093).

Patents '953 and '582 do not teach the surfactant, which is amidoamine. However patent '093 teaches amidoamine in conditioning shampoo compositions. See col.3, ll 34-68 and see col.5, ll 5-6 for the specific compounds. Patent at col.5, ll 40 et seq teaches silicone compounds.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the hair composition of '953 and add fatty alcohol or fatty acids, cationic surfactant, silicones, protein taught by patent '582 and add amidoamine surfactants taught by '093 in analogous hair compositions. One of ordinary skill in the art would be

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motivated to add the ingredients taught by '582 and patent '093 and prepare another analogous composition with the reasonable expectation of success that new hair compositions also exhibit improved touch feel and preventing chapping of the scalp and addition of cationic surfactant has the advantage of providing conditioning effect and silicones are known conditioning agents and they provide enhancing conditioning property to the compositions. This is a prima facie case of obviousness.

Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patents 6,685,953 ('953) and 6,368, 582 ('582) as applied to claims 1-6, 8-10, and 14-16 above, and further in view of DE 199 02 530 ('530).

The DE document has been submitted for translation. Examiner is relying on this document for ceramides. Patents '953 and '582 do not teach ceramides in the hair compositions. However DE document teaches ceramides. See the abstract, and see patent abstract for the structure, which is acylated sphingosine. Ceramides are lipids and they exhibit conditioning property.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the hair composition of '953 and add fatty alcohol or fatty acids, cationic surfactant, silicones, protein taught by patent '582 and add ceramides taught by DE '530 in analogous hair compositions. One of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to add the ingredients taught by '582 and DE and prepare another analogous composition with the reasonable expectation of success that new hair compositions also exhibit improved touch feel and preventing chapping of the scalp and addition of cationic surfactant has the advantage of

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providing conditioning effect and silicones are known conditioning agents and adding Ceramide also provide conditioning property. This is a prima facie case of obviousness.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

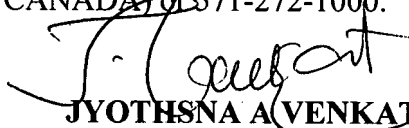
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT Ph. D whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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